achieved by the end of the plan period; if not, action Government propose to take to expedite the targets?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The target fixed for creation of additional potential in the State of Bihar during the Eighth Five Year Plan is 2147 thousand hectares (315 thousand hectares through Major & Medium irrigation and 1832 thousand hectares through Minor irrigation).

(b) The anticipated achievement of the potential created in Bihar during the first four years (1992-96) of the Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-97) is 775.00 thousand hectares. District-wise details are not maintained.

(c) Due to financial constraint faced by the Govt. of Bihar, adequate plan allocation could not be provided in the Eighth Five Year Plan and as such the target is not likely to be achieved. To minimise the gap between the target and achievement during the Eighth Five Year Plan, the Government of Bihar have arranged loan from NABARD to complete 13 ongoing medium irrigation schemes in tribal and drought-prone areas of the State.

Increasing incidents of house collapse in Delhi

1312. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of house collapse have been increasing in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents which occurred during the last three years;

(c) the details of loss of property and death toll due to house collapse during the above period, incidents-wise; and

(d) the steps taken to curb such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Delay in Appointment on Compassionate Grounds

1317. SHRI MATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees who were working under his Ministry at Jammu and died in harness since July 1996, till date;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the number of applications has been received for the appointment on compassionate grounds and that the number of cases for appointment on compassionate grounds are pending with the Central Ground Water Board; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and by when the jobs are likely to be provided to them?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No employee working in any office of the Ministry of Water Resources located at Jammu has died in harness since July, 1996.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) 20 applications have so far been received in Central Ground Water Board in 1996 for appointment on compassionate grounds. Appointment of some of the applicants as per their merit and eligibility depends on the number of vacancies upto 31st December 1996 subject to the limit of 5% of the total vacancies of Group 'C' and 'D' posts during the year under direct recruitment quota.